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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

3. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the nonprostanoid prostaglandin I₂ agonist is a compound of the following general formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof: